



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, May 4, 2016                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jeff Farrington.

Members present: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

Members absent/excused: Representative Howrylak.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, April 27, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 5578:

HB 5578 (Maturen)                      Property tax; tax tribunal; certain tribunal determinations in assessment disputes as to the valuation of property; require.

The following people testified in support of HB 5578:

Michael Lohmeier, representing himself.  
Steve Currie, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.  
Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association.  
Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League.  
Jack Van Coevering.  
Phil LaJoy, representing Canton Charter Township.

The following people testified in opposition to HB 5578:

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association.  
Mark Perry, representing Perry & Co.  
Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association.

Brian Westrin, representing the Michigan Realtors Association, testified to HB 5578, with no formal position.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HB 5578, but did not wish to speak:

Scott Erbisch, representing Marquette County.  
Dennis Olson, Charter Township of Breitung Supervisor.  
Gerry Corkin, representing Marquette County.  
Representative Scott Dianda.  
Kent Wood, representing the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce.  
Amy Clickner, representing the Lake Superior Community Partnership.  
Gail Madziar, representing the Michigan Library Association.  
Gary Owen, representing the Macomb County Executive Office.  
Emily Laidlaw, representing the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators.  
Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators.  
Rusty Merchant, representing the West Michigan Talent Triangle.  
Stephanie Johnson, representing Canton Township.  
Daryl Delabbio, representing the Kent County Commission.  
Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.  
Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.  
Dr. David Michelson, representing the Michigan Education Association.  
Don Olendorf, representing Small and Rural Schools, and the ESA Legislative Group.  
Jerry Johnson, representing the Calhoun Intermediate School District.  
David Randels, representing Oakland Schools.  
Mike Hansen, representing the Michigan Community College Association.

The following people submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 5578, but did not wish to speak:

Kurt Berryman, representing the Auto Dealers of Michigan.  
Linda Gobbler, representing the Michigan Grocers Association.  
Sean Mann, representing the Building Owners and Managers Association.  
Allie Bush, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.

Representative Maturen moved to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:57 a.m.

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Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

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Date Approved and Signed

Kevin Gawronski  
Committee Clerk  
May the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
1 hour 27 minutes